

Since military housing is owned by the federal government, military families pay no property taxes to support their local school districts. Our district knows firsthand the pressure this can create. The federal Impact Aid program was created to ease the burden of school districts like North Chicago, but the program remains underfunded. Yesterday, I was proud to introduce H.R. 701, the Government Reservation Accelerated Development for Education Act (GRADE-A), along with 22 bipartisan original co-sponsors. My legislation would guarantee full education funding for all schools that have children who are military dependents. More than 1,400 school districts and 1.5 million children across the country depend on the Impact Aid program. The bipartisan reforms I outlined will improve our schools, support our local communities and keep our promises to the men and women who wear our nation's uniform. [Read a letter of support](#)

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